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ASF TOUR PLANS CRASH

Have you heard the latest Irish joke? They will be one of the two teams to take part in our four-nation centenary tournament...

But it's no joke, really: Yugoslavia and Wales have almost certainly cancelled their visits, leaving only Northern Ireland as the only guests.

This must be regarded as a major blow to the ASF and to the soccer public.

To make things worse, Indonesia's "probable" tour in March is also off.

ASF officials are annoyed that the Yugoslavs have pulled out, after having agreed to tour.

The ASF must now act swiftly to find replacements — and this won't be easy in the June period, as most of the European national teams have had their program carefully planned well ahead.

The ASF now has two options:

1. Abandon the idea of leading national teams and invite, instead, some top club sides such as Real Madrid, Rapid of Vienna, Benfica etc. or get some South American teams, usually more readily available;

2. Put back the tournament date from June to July or even August when European teams may again become willing to tour.

It will be an acute embarrassment for the ASF if the planned centenary celebrations are reduced to a couple of clashes with Northern Ireland and one match with the England 'B' team.

Wales, Yugoslavia, Indonesia: out!

Support the company that supports soccer

Philips deal is in danger

The Philips Industries sponsorship to the PSL is in grave danger.

The electronic giants, who have poured a fortune into the Philips League since 1977, have yet to sign a formal renewal of their expired sponsorship.

Philips are reportedly unhappy over the lack of regular televising of PSL matches.

They have decided to await the outcome of negotiations between the ASF, West Nally and local TV networks before committing themselves for a further period.

These talks are likely to take place next week in Sydney.

Last year the PSL matches were televised only sporadically in some centres — but not nationally and not in Sydney and Melbourne.

We have learned that similar loose arrangements for 1980 may result in the loss of the massive financial and logistic support of Philips.

If that happens, the entire existence of the League may be seriously threatened.

MILAN TOUR?

— By Vic Migliaccio —

After two months of negotiations in top secret, the big news is out: the mighty Italian club AC Milan is coming to Australia.

AC Milan, the present Italian champions, will be brought to Australia by the Adelaide first division club Eastern District Azzurri.

The visitors are due to arrive in Sydney on May 14, where the first match is expected to be played against the Australian national team two days later.

At this stage it appears that AC Milan will tour Australia on a similar basis as the Czechs national side did recently, to meet Australia twice and then a series of matches against State teams.

Heading the list of star attractions is former Italian idol now a vice president of the club Gianni Rivera.

Milan has several big-named international stars such as midfielders Antonelli and Novellino, freeback Baresi, defender Maldera and veteran goalie Albertosi.

It came as no major surprise that Azzurri would bring one of the world's greatest teams to Australia.

The committee is mainly formed by top businessmen in Adelaide, headed by the president Joe Emanuele a big name in real estate and team manager Joe Macri, general manager of the Australian Insurance brokers (South Australia), official sponsors of Azzurri.

Azzurri are aiming to reach the top this year; all their home matches in the coming winter season will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium, while the old Adey Reserve is to be used for training and for all their junior colt teams.

Financially the club is very healthy, with the Black Lion Hotel only a kick away from Hindmarsh Stadium as one of its major assets.

BUSY SCHEDULE IN AMPOL CUP

The NSW Ampol Cup will continue this week with a packed program.

Three postponed matches from the first round will be played mid-week to finish the preliminary series and on Friday two of the quarterfinals will be staged.

The pairings will be: No.1 Group "A" v No.2 of "B", No.2 of "A" v No.1 of "B", No.1 of "C" v No.2 of "D" and No.2 of "C" v No.1 of "D".

Accordingly, Olympic will play Melita and Arncliffe will meet earlier Sutherland or Manly.

The pairings in the other quarterfinals is impossible to predict.

Next Wednesday (February 27), two more quarterfinal matches will be played.

For last minute announcements about the games and venues please watch the daily Press or ring the NSW Federation on 27-6669.

Leichhardt's O'Donnell (right) tackling Saint's Katholas in Sunday's trial game, won by St.George 3-1.

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Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

***Winston Hills** (5th div.) is happy to see most of last year's players return. These are players of the calibre of forward Rob Bury, ex-England youth player, Tony Watkins ex-Guildford forward and experienced Ray McFarlane defender and coach Noel Telfer, midfielder together with a number of club juniors. Coach, Noel Telfer wants to bring in the younger players through this season to help plan a future for the club in federation. The club is now claiming to be the largest in Australia with 876 registered junior players (68 teams) plus the two federation teams. With this large number the club should not be short of senior players in thge future. Over the past two years, 30 fathers have attended a Preliminary Coaching Course and the club will conduct a basic course this pre-season to ensure quality coaching for their juniors.*

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***Port Hacking-Qantas** have appointed Nigel Luxton, ex Bondi Marines and Port Hacking player club coach for this season. First graders have been hard at training in preparation for the play-off against West Ryde Rovers and Campbelltown City for the vacant position in 2nd division. Vice-president Ken Doyle feels the club has the strength to win the play-off. The club had an excellent 3rd grade team last season (runners-up) and are confident they will be in a position to again offer the majority of those players a 2nd division competition this year.*

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***West St.George's** (5th div.) new coach is Alan Piggott, ex-Arncliffe Scots. Club secretary Jerry Evans is pleased with training attendance and enthusiasm and tips the club to have a very good season this year. Two new men on the club's committee are Andrew Piggott, vice-president and Allen Scully, social secretary. The club would like to congratulate Moorebank on the organisation of their seven-a-side Summer Cup. West St.George went down to Fairfield West on penalties in the minor semi-finals.*

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***Nth. Bankstown** (2nd div.) had a very encouraging trial match against Revesby Workers recently. The 3rd grade drew 2-2, 2nd grade went down 1-2 with the 1st grade winning 4-0. Unfortunately, forward Richard Celarc needed hospital treatment for a back injury. The club will be relying on the feed-through from their junior ranks in fielding an under-18 3rd grade following the club's promotion. All '79 players have returned to training though the 2rd grade are still looking for several under-21 players. The club has had a tremendous response to a junior letter-box promotion and have been busy sorting out the many new teams and coaches. Another good promotion will be the delivery throughout the district of a booklet 'your local soccer club' which will include the club's home match draw.*

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***Ashcroft** (3rd div.) visited Bathurst City recently and came back happy with the success of the trip. In the three trial matches played Ashcroft won two and lost one. In the first grade the visitors were leading 2-1 at half time, with a full time score of 3-2. Goals were scored by Paul Willenbrance, Andy Everett and Bobby Harris. The 2nd grade lost 0-2 with 3rd grade winning 4-1. After the matches a social was enjoyed by all and the hospitality shown by the Bathurst club was very much appreciated by Ashcroft.*

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CLUB PATROL

CLUB PATROL asks all State League club secretaries to forward a list of their players for the 1980 season. This helps us print the correct spelling of names, and also helps us keep accurate records.

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Sutherland coach JOHN WATKISS has been forced to play in the past couple of matches because of the situation the club is in with players. However, he says once he feels the lads can cope on their own he will revert to the bench and sweat the match out there. By the way, this is John's 22nd year in NSW top division soccer.

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ARNCLIFFE are very pleased with their new signings, mainly ALAN AINSLIE, STEVEN LEAK and JOHN LEE. "They will provide a steady, experienced backbone," said this week club official Dave Dorian. "We're building up gradually for the season; it's there that we want to make an impact."

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A new name in the Inter Monaro side is JOSEPH MOERS, a 24-year-old mid-fielder from a West German non-league team.

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Another purchase by the 'player hungry' Arncliffe Scots is former Croatia and Canterbury player JOHN WIGNALL. His transfer fee was $4,000.

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After much negotiation JOHN SANTOLIN re-signed with the Inter Monaro club and now has a regular place in the side.

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Canterbury are worried over the number of injuries to defenders and may soon make a move into the transfer market. GREG BROWN has only just recovered from a fractured shoulder he suffered playing touch football during the summer while JIMMY BINOS will be out of action for five weeks with a fractured ankle.

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Arncliffe have appointed a coaching co-ordinator for 1980. It will be JOHN DAVIES' task to literally coach the coaches in the area, and already he has two sessions lined up. This week he will be instructing coaches at the Oatley Club. Any other club in the area interested in the idea should contact Arncliffe president MAX PLAYER on 84 3393.

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Auburn officials are extremely pleased with the way TERRY BERTRAM has slotted back into the team after his year's absence. They are also pleased with the way the young lads such as FIELD and ROSS have blended in.

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Ex-Macedonia player in the local Canberra league STEVE TASKOSKO has been appointed second grade Inter Monaro coach.

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A young player in the Inter Monaro second grade team to watch out for is 19-year-old defender TONY PALOMBI a lad who impressed officials and coaches last year and who they feel has earned promotion.

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There doesn't seem to be any further progress in the ALAN BOURKE argument with Inter Monaro. Alan and the club were at loggerheads over three main points, and while Alan agreed to two of them, he feels the club should also give a little. After all, it's not every year the country cousins take NSW's most prized trophy - the Grand Final, led by a former Sydney boy.

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In case you are interested: Rudi Gutendorf and Leo Baumgartner have made up their differences last Sunday and all is well between Germany and Austria again....

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RAUL BLANCO's parents, visiting from Argentina, watched their son's team in action last Sunday night. After their Australian holiday they will return home to Buenos Aires on Monday.

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NSW Federation's chief gear stewart PAUL GAUDRON, one of the unsung heroes of Sydney soccer — in charge of ball boys, among other things — this week celebrated his 60th birthday. Congratulations!

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MIKE FRASER, the young St.George Socceroo goalie, had to have surgery for his broken nose on Monday and will be out of action for at least two weeks.

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RUDI GUTENDORF laments: "Since the start of the season the national teams have been training at Cronulla, Maroubra, Dural and the University ground. Two of them are unmarked, the third one has a cricket pitch in the middle."

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ASF secretary BRIAN LE FEVRE is still in hospital and likely to be away from his office for some time. We wish him a full and quick recovery.

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DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Sydney City, who faired reasonably well last season is determined to make a stiffer challenge this year even though some of their youngsters have been training with the PSL squad.

The first division squad this year will be coached by former Prague player Dennis Hoggart and will be assisted by a former team mate in Geoff Harcombe.

Hoggart was appointed following the elevation of Jim Hughes (who coached them last season) to assist Eddie Thomson with the PSL team coaching.

Youngsters from last year's first grade team already training with the PSL side include Borges, Gomez, Marcos, Silva and Patikas.

A club official said this week: "We have a good crop of youngsters coming up from the lower grades this year and there will be quite a few fresh faces in the side."

In addition the club has signed two West Australian young brothers John and Chris Spanos. John went to Paraguay with Rudi Gutendorf last year and Chris went with the Australian side which played in Singapore.

The club also signed under-15 striker Graham Fletcher who played with the Australian team against Malaysia scoring two goals.

The club has a new goalkeeper in Peter Berry who played for Yugal in State League who will be a good back-up for 19-year-old Tony Pezzano.

Last year, the club had a good bunch of youngsters including Jim Webber, Dickinson, McGrouter, Svynos and Miladinski who will greatly benefit from the experience.

The departure of player-coach and stalwart Greg Byles could well mean a lean season for Revesby Workers unless the club could find an experienced replacement.

Byles has joined Marrickville-Olympic on a one-season loan and will be a Revesby player at the end of the season.

After expressing his desire to have another go at State League soccer, club officials in a tremendous gesture have agreed to let him go, naturally bearing in mind the services rendered by Greg Byles.

A club official said this week: "We know Greg's departure is a great loss to the club, but we could hardly refuse his request after what he has done for the club.

"If players were treated as they should soccer in general would benefit greatly," he said.

In the last few seasons, Byles with his enormous experience turned many a game from defeat to victory with his drive on and off the field.

Stepping into Byles' shoes as coach of Revesby is a former Melita second grade coach Leo Dobin who has been training the squad hard since early January.

Revesby expects to have John Hargreaves again in their side this year on loan from Bankstown and may also sign Tom Morrow from Parramatta City.

Young goalkeeper Joe Carbone who played in the Melita lower grades for some seasons has also signed for Revesby.

In addition, Ken Thorpe, a top striker for Revesby for many years but sidelined last season is back in training and is expected to lead their attack.

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Young Yanks are getting restless

— By Andrew Dettre —

It's not all wine and roses in the American soccer garden.

More and more criticism is voiced over the standard of the matches and teams and this in itself creates a dilemma to be solved.

If the teams import top players in order to produce the required goods, then the "Americanisation" of the game is postponed further; if the imports are cut back, the quality suffers.

What's the standard like?

Otto Radich, vice president of the American Soccer League says that the best NASL clubs reach a standard of English 2nd or 3rd division; the others stay below that.

Lou Gautier, former Soccer World colleague now editing a soccer magazine in Los Angeles, says the same.

"Of course, we are luckier here by having an occasional Cruyff, Trevor Francis, Allan Ball or Beckenbauer," he says.

"But overall, the pace of the game is slow, probably slower than in Australia and the skill isn't much different either.

"The problem is that the American-born players, mainly from colleges, have a very poor or indifferent schooling for top-class soccer."

In the past few seasons all NASL teams had to field at least two "American" players; now, in 1980, this quota is increased to three.

But there is a trick to it: a lot of naturalised stars — like Chinaglia of Cosmos — are not in the quota.

In a recent article in "Soccer Corner" with the Editor's kind permission.

"The American professional of today lacked several key ingredients during his soccer puberty. Gene Geimer, who now labors in the American Soccer League, recalls playing "at the most 15 games in college and 15 amateur cup matches." And Geimer was one of the "lucky" Americans who grew up in St.Louis, a relative hotbed of US soccer.

"In contrast to Geimer's youth, most of the world's children play the sport on a year-round basis. Cosmos midfielder Franz Beckenbauer notes that in his native Germany, "the kids play 11 months a year." It wasn't until a few seasons ago that even the American professional player could make such a claim.

"College players in the U.S. today are still restricted to a three-month long season. In fact, the brevity of the college season has prompted many North American Soccer League clubs to draft youngsters straight out of high school to ensure that their development will continue unabated in the crucial years between 18 and 22.

"Lack of quality coaching is a further albatross around the American neck. Beckenbauer observes, "It is very hard for Americans to learn soccer here. One of the problems is the coaches. It is very important to teach the kids. Otherwise, from where will be Americans learn?"

"Assuming a player can overcome all of the aforementioned obstacles, what awaits him when he reaches the NASL? More often than not, it is a seat on the bench.

"Jim Pollihan is a member of the national team as well as the Rochester Lancers and New York Arrows. Pollihan argues that, "You can train every day with a good coach but if you don't get playing experience a lot of it will be lost."

"There are two possible doors that can open in this regard. The American can be thrust into the ever-improving level of play found in NASL matches or placed on reserve teams to give him match experience without hindering the varsity side. Unfortunately, the latter option (while more desirable) is economically unfeasible to all but the richest of clubs.

Johan Cruyff, now with Los Angeles Aztecs.

ALL 1979 NASL CROWD FIGURES

Total 1979 attendance for the 24 NASL teams and their home average in parentheses follows:

Cosmos	700,348	(46,689)
Tampa Bay	428,197	(28,546)
Minnesota	368,695	(24,579)
Vancouver	344,436	(22,964)
Seattle	284,993	(18,993)
Tulsa	246,373	(16,424)
San Jose	226,379	(15,092)
Los Angeles	215,013	(14,334)
Detroit	210,864	(14,058)
Ft.Lauderdale	205,615	(13,707)
Washington	178,610	(11,907)
San Diego	169,071	(11,271)
Toronto	177,321	(11,821)
Portland	167,584	(11,172)
California	154,956	(10,330)
Edmonton	148,854	(9,923)
Dallas	139,485	(9,299)
Rochester	130,200	(8,680)
Chicago	120,535	(8,035)
Atlanta	110,244	(7,349)
Memphis	107,071	(7,138)
New England	98,433	(6,562)
Houston	93,183	(6,212)
Philadelphia	84,357	(5,624)

"To Gardner, the concept of a quota in "a performance endeavour" is abhorrent. Furthermore, he charges, "Raising the quota from two to three players is doing nothing to get at the root of the problem. In fact, it's obscuring it."

"Gardner charges that the quota serves to delude Americans into feeling progress is being made when, in fact, "We don't know how many players are playing on merit."

"Gardner's solution? "If you can do the job you should play, and if you can't do the job you shouldn't."

"Steve Ross of the Cosmos' front office concurs, asserting that one doesn't "do the American player justice by putting him in prematurely." Ross feels that the top priority must be "to educate Americans in the game of soccer by putting on the best performance we possibly can."

"The Cosmos found an interesting way to circumvent the rule. In their home opener of 1979 they fielded a lineup of nine foreigners and two American citizens, Rick Davis and Giorgio Chinaglia. True Giorgio took the oath last year, but is it in the spirit of the rule to count him?

"A resounding "nay" comes from former teammate Bobby Smith. "I think it is very unfair to the American player to count Chinaglia as one," the Rider College product said."We didn't have his training, his opportunities, his experience, or the coaching he's had available to him. He's taking a position away from us."

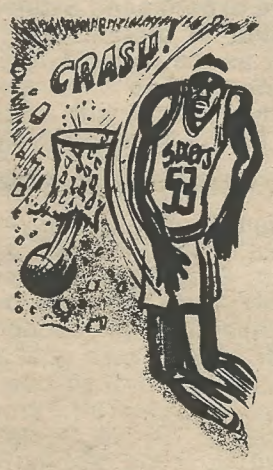
"Smith offers no resistance on this line, adding that in his opinion,"There's less Americans playing now than when I first played in this league. The Calibre (of play) is getting better and now they expect a kid to come out of college and compete against First Division players. He hasn't had any real coaching and there is no team that is dedicating themselves to developing the young American players."

"Cosmos winger Gary Etherington was the 1978 Rookie of the Year. Playing behind Dennis Tueart and Steve Hunt, he seemed a natural successor to the latter, who opted to return to his native England. Instead, the Cosmos imported Portuguese star Seninho.

"How does a 21 year-old reach his potential while sitting on the bench? It was a question that Etherington has had plenty of time to ponder. Comcerns American players complaining of not being given a fair chance by coaches who arrive from Europe, knowing only of the skills of players from their own continent.

"Rochester's flamboyant goalkeeper Shep Messing underscores the dilemma by observing, "if I went to Italy to coach a basketball team I'd bring American players with me. That's the same type of mentality that you have here.

"As the game's incredible growth rate accelerates, the shortage of qualified coaches becomes all the more glaring. The United States Soccer Federation is attempting to bridge the chasm by running coaching schools of one week's duration in which "A," "B" or "C" licenses can be earned."



The NASL is not entirely open about the subject. Says Mal Karwoski:

"Naturally, we'd like to see more Americans; if all of a sudden there is a great influx of local talent, mainly from college ranks, the quota may be further tightened.

"But we have to move carefully. The American fan knows when he's fooled, he can spot a bad player.

"For us to rely on home-bred players would be dangerous, as the talent just isn't there yet. We've got to give our fans a top product."

SOCCER MADE IN USA

Part Four

Can we imitate or emulate America?

Is it possible to imitate or emulate the success of soccer in America?

I am sure it is. But we are completely on the wrong track.

We had the chance when we created the Philips League — but blew it.

Instead of creating an entirely new structure on new foundations, we thought it would be enough to throw out the "ballast" (unfashionable clubs) and continue in the same vein.

The effects of this mistake are still felt, especially in Sydney and Melbourne.

The so-called "national league" exists in Newcastle, Canberra, Adelaide and Brisbane; in Sydney it's the old NSW first division chopped in half.

And that wasn't the idea, I'm sure.

What can be done now?

On the one hand, we can leave everything the way it is and keep on struggling in our uphill battle.

The PSL will prosper in some pockets (Newcastle, Adelaide, to a smaller extent Canberra) and will suffocate in Sydney and Melbourne.

Two, possibly three Sydney clubs will go to the wall and will pull out; the same will happen in Melbourne.

If this happens quickly and soon, perhaps the problem finds its own solution.

But the danger is that the agony will go on for some time, as desperate officials keep propping up the patient in his sickbed, mainly or almost exclusively from licensed club takings.

And by the time they do throw in the towel, the infection might have spread through the PSL.

The alternative to this frightening scenario is action.

The ASF — ultimate guardian of the PSL — should call for an urgent, very detailed and very sincere study to find ways of making the necessary repairs and changes.

Once the proper course has been chartered, it has to be introduced without false sentimentality and without too much regard for personal vanities.

Such a study could take months — so there's no time to waste.

As a starter, I would list, in very broad and general terms, my main recommendations:

1. The composition of the Philips Soccer League must be changed; rebuilt if necessary.
should be admitted from each city — ideally only one.
3. Independent capital has to be attracted to the game (not club subsidies); the clubs have to be owned by companies, corporations and individuals and run like businesses.
4. The necessary loopholes must be found to make use of tax shelters for any possible losses.
5. Fulltime professional playing staffs have to be developed and fulltime administrative staff engaged to run the franchises.
6. The soccer season has to be changed or at least shifted to avoid head-on collision with Aussie Rules and Rugby League.
7. T.V. packages have to be prepared and sold on a national basis.

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AVALA 1(0) — ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 1(0)

Avala: Ahrens, Bateman, Deller, Barton, R. Griffiths, Pilovski, Tilt, Lavin, Young, Kodor, Karanfilovski (Rnjak 79m).

Arncliffe: Marsden, Luckett, Wignall, Oldham, Ramisch, Lee, Sidey, Ainslie, Montgomery, Blackburn, Tracey.

Goals: 0-1 Montgomery (46m), 1-1 Kodor (49m).
Referee: G. Warne; **crowd:** 767 (double-header); **caution:** Blackburn.

If the management of both teams decided not to pay their players it would be no wonder as their performance last Wednesday barely resembled the game of soccer. Despite their heavy spending Arncliffe did not look a team at all and were evenly matched by the poor Avala. Neither team was able to put their game together, and there was a lot of aimless passing with no method or direction. With so much purposeless play it was amazing that either side could score. Both goals were nothing to write home about and from both teams' point of view the match is best forgotten.

— R. Dewick

CROATIA 2(1) — CANTERBURY 0

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Mullen, Basic, Smith, Dudaric (Jelico 72m), Cagalj, Savor, Coleman, M. Kovacic, Pagano.

Canterbury: El Zein, Kable, Bozganos, Thompson, Sheldrick, Byles, R.Brown, N.Williams, Thamnidis, Hall, Ramisch (Osman 46m).

Goals: 1-0 Pagano (32m), 2-0 M. Kovacic (89m).
Referee: P. Rampley; **crowd:** 2543 (double-header); **sent off:** Hall, Savor.

Canterbury's new $10,000 man Craig Hall was policed throughout the game either by Tom Basic or by Bruno Cagalj. He ended up showering five minutes early after a minor bust-up with Wally Savor right under the referee's nose. The game itself was an excellent 90-minute affair with Croatia considerably improved on previous performances. The defense cut out the Canterbury forwards and the rest of the team produced some fluid soccer. Bobby Pagano, signed from Edensor Park, sliced through Canterbury's defence for the first goal. A minute from the end Marijan Kovacic sealed the result after Canterbury's eager attacks had been successfully repulsed.

— M. Renwick

KU-RING-GAI 3(1) — WOLLONGONG 3(0)

Ku-ring-gai: O'Toole, Wheatley, Geekie, McGill, Chambers, Robertson, K. Smith, Hamilton, Herron, Hogg, Jones.

Wollongong: J. Terziovski, Petkovski, Trajsevski, M. Terziovski, K. Talevski, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, V. Davkovski, Trajnovski (Geraldi 75m), Bingham, Jiersa.

Goals: 1-0 McGill (5m), 1-1 Jiersa (pen.66m), 2-1 Jones (72m), 2-2 Davkovski (76m), 3-2 Hamilton (85m), 3-3 M. Terziosvki (89m).
Referee: D. Rennie; **crowd:** 767 (double-header).

An exciting match which could have gone either way right to the end, and ended up with an evenly balanced draw. Ku-ring-gai had the better of the first half and Wollongong were knocked somewhat off their stride by an early goal against them. However, once Wollongong equalised, they gained the upper hand and continued playing good soccer. As the game wore on it seemed Ku-ring-gai would be able to hang onto their slender lead until a burst of five goals in 20 minutes. First Jiersa equalised from the spot, before the North Shore lads alternately grabbed and lost the lead. As for individual stars there really weren't any. Wollongong are an excellent team unit, and much the same can be said of Ku-ring-gai.

— R. Dewick

AUBURN 1(1) — BANKSTOWN 2(0)

Auburn: Gisbourne, McCoy, McKendry, Dobson, Carter, Cornett, Bertram, [illegible] (80m).

Bankstown: Lachowicz, Thomson, Lembryk, Beater, Greg Lynch, Glen Lynch, (Peck 74m), Root-

Referee: O. Pritchard; **crowd:** 382 (double-header).

Denis Daley and Mark Davis earned their places in the NSW squad for the Victoria match with outstanding displays. Jim McCranor scored first for an improving Auburn but they faded after half time. Paul Thomson, John Lem- "Aussie style." Mark Davis blazed through to enable Daley to score with a fine touch in the 59th minute. Then Daley set up Davies for the winning goal which came with 10 minutes to spare. Top marks to to Lachowicz, the Bankstown goalie for a great display and also to the Auburn

— L. Walters

NORTH SYDNEY 0 — MELITA 4(2)

North Sydney: Lilli, Walker, J. Bottalico, Miller, Matheson, Yousip, A. Bottalico, Mitchell (Henratty 46m), Leyden, Ruiz, Delaney.

Melita: Greedy, Cabon, Bateman, McDonald, Parker, Babian, Morsello, R. Farrugia, Allan, Stoddart, Jones.

Goals: 1-0 Allan (7m), Farrugia (24m), 3-0 Jones (87m), 4-0 Jones (89m).
Referee: G. Power; **crowd:** 2468 (double-header); **cautions:** J. Bottalico, Yousip.

The skill of Ray Farrugia never ceases to amaze, and it was just this skill that broke the back of North Sydney. In the first 20 minutes Melita were just too good, too fast and too intelligent. Using open spaces they cut the North Sydney defence to ribbons. After the early goal, Farrugia added the second with a display of superb skill but then Melita tended to retreat into their shell. North Sydney struggled hard, but they never looked as though they had any force to drive through the well marshalled defence, and Greedy's hands look bigger and better every time he appears on the field for Melita. Leyden is the only force in North Sydney's front line, and he looks capable of menacing defences this year, although how far he will go alone is debatable.

— R. Dewick

OLYMPIC 2(1) — SUTHERLAND 1(0)

Olympic: Meier, Laing, Morris, Rowden, Ankudinoff, Cross, Housseni, Zeros (Palmer 80m), Scott, Eaton, Hensman (Kousas 80m).

Sutherland: Haynes, C. Holman (Woods 88m), R. Schumann, Smith, Dal Forno, Tasker, Hesford, Meades, T. Bush, Rogers (Murphy 70m), Harrington.

Goals: 1-0 Dal Forno (25m), 1-1 Lee (53m), 2-1 Laing (90m).
Referee: T. Boskovic; **crowd:** 2468 (double-header); **caution:** Laing.

Matches of this nature can only bring crowds back to soccer as it was a tremendous exhibition of open play by both sides. There was no hint of stacking defence and both teams went flat out for 90 minutes to try and score goals. The more experienced Sydney Olympic tended to dictate play until half time as the young Sutherland outfit tried to find their feet. Olympic hit the bar early with a Scott header but things were relatively even until Dal Forno turned the ball over Haynes' head after a goal-mouth scrimmage. Olympic were still the more composed team and did create chances, but Sutherland began showing signs of life and occasionally hit out, with Meades slamming a glorious volley home just after half time. Even at 1-1 neither team was prepared to go into defence and they kept up a tremendous pace.

— R. Dewick

MANLY 2(0) — PARRAMATTA 0

Manly: Ower, Mouttet, Burchett, Doyle, Townsend, Wiley, Stuart, Jack, Nawalu, Beverley (Hiscock 75m), Roozendaal.

Parramatta: Barker, Farren (Jordan 56m), Bigland, McKenzie, O'Maye, Brizuela, Rhoden, Fisher, Lackey, Haydec (Waldron 56m), Hearn.

Goals: 1-0 Townsend (54m), 2-0 Lackey (o.g. 58m).
Referee: K. Small; **crowd:** 382 (double-header).

Manly's win was never much in doubt. The first goal came after Scott Beverley's low cross was belted into the net by George Townsend. The second was a Kevin Lackey own goal after John Nawalu had broken powerfully on the right to beat off Perc Bigland's challenge. Bruce Doyle was outstanding in his distribution of the ball from the Manly defence, enabling David Jack, Stuart Riley and Robbie Stuart to keep up the pressure. Parramatta showed signs of improvement, but only Tim O'Maye and goalie Ian Barker could be given honorable mention., Manly's improvement since their previous match was remarkable even when considering their disappointing opposition.

— L. Walters

MONARO 5(1) — YUGAL 1(0)

Monaro: Palec, Crawford, Charles, Noble, O'Neil, Falzon, Moers (Santolin), Lawler, Heywood, Talevski, Trajanovski (Leith).

Yugal: Kostidis, Radovac, Micev, Novakovic, Klemperer, Daglis, Piper, Tanovski, Mitrevski (Zec), Radevojevic (Kapista), Travini.

Goals: 1-0 Heywood (25m), 2-0 Trajanovski (62m), 3-0 Santolin (67m), 3-1 Micev (70m), 4-1 Heywood (82m), 5-1 Heywood (88m).
Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 2534 (double-header).

Monaro proved they can more than survive in State League without their two star strikers. Their team looked convincing apart from a 10-minute lapse in the second half. With the burly Henry Klemperer marshalling his defence, Yugal held out well until early in the second half. After that the solid Monaro defence and well spread attack easily dominated procedings. Ian Heywood's three goals were professionally taken, two from great solo runs and the third from a perfectly flighted high ball into the corner. Monaro's Bobby Noble and Chris O'Neil were sound in defence and Santolin looked the part when he came on. David Travini showed some outstanding ball skills and ability to go forward for Yugal.

—M. Renwick

AMPOL CUP TABLES

GROUP A

Croatia	3	2	0	1	6	2 4
Woll'gong	2	1	1	0	4	3 3
Kuringai	3	1	1	1	8	10 3
C'terbury	2	0	0	2	3	6 0

GROUP B

Bankst'n	2	2	0	0	6	3 4
Auburn	3	2	0	1	4	2 4
Monaro	3	1	0	2	7	6 2
Yugal	2	0	0	2	1	7 0

GROUP C

Olympic	3	3	0	0	7	1 6
S'therland	2	1	0	1	2	2 2
Manly	3	1	0	2	2	3 2
P'matta	2	0	0	2	0	6 0

GROUP D

Arncliffe	3	1	2	0	6	4 4
Melita	3	1	1	1	5	2 3
Avala	3	1	1	1	3	3 3
Nth.Syd.	3	1	0	2	4	9 2

OR SO THEY SAY...

"I think that success on the field in the '80s must not be the only criteria in deciding promotion and relegation." (John Frank, Daily Telegraph, February 14)

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"Here we are spending millions of dollars on a national competition and we have no say on our future.

"The Philips League has to have autonomy in itself just as State federations [illegible]." (Tony Labbozzetta, 15.)

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"The transfer system in Australian Soccer is to be overhauled to counter the potentially devastating effect of inflation to the code. Officials fear that the spiralling transfer fees plaguing the game overseas could develop in Australia unless preventive measures are taken." (Herald, February 15.)

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"Abonyi and Melita feel that he has at least another year ahead of him as a player-coach but also feel that the $8,000 transfer fee is ridiculous." (Daily Mirror, February 18).

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"Scheinflug said: 'I told the NSW Soccer Federation all the Marconi players were available to represent the State. I cannot understand why Leo selected a squad from State League teams. Something strange is going on!' " (Sun, February 18).

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"Sydney City Council last night decided to lease Marks Field to the NSW Amateur Athletics Association and Sydney City soccer club. The reconstructed Marks Field at Moore Park will cost the council around $92,000 to maintain this year." (Daily Telegraph, February 19).

Adelaide

Adelaide City winger Chris Kent could not agree on terms with the club and he is now on the transfer list. Kent, 24, was a full-time professional in the UK where he played for Sunderland in 1973 before moving to Melbourne. He joined Adelaide City from South Melbourne last year.

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AMPOL CUP 1980

Tight pack snapping at heels of two favorites

— By Paul James —

With all but three of the quarter-final spots filled before Wednesday's deferred matches, who could deny that Olympic seem set for victory in their first ever competition.

Having won all three of their group matches with exciting performances, the Olympic team scored seven goals and conceded only one in the process.

Housseni seems to have added that much needed touch of class to the midfield, while up front Laing and Eaton are again revelling in the abundance of chances which are coming their way.

Second favorites, more through reputation and potential are Croatia.

Despite their shock loss to Wollongong they have still retained the polished style moulded by Tony Schwarz, built upon by Luke Fabianic and completed by Atti Abonyi.

After these two teams there is a pack of what one would describe as almost 'shock' qualifiers.

For Bankstown to do so well, especially in Auburn's and Monaro's group, would have been thought hardly likely last year.

However, this team is a completely different outfit, and could cause something of a mild shock.

Auburn, despite having been almost ripped apart by other clubs in the off-season transfer market, has promoted youngsters into the vacant positions, and coupled with the experience of McDonald, Bertram and Cornett, have scored a place in the quarter finals.

Arncliffe Scots are another of the 'shock' qualifiers.

Second last by a whisker last year, the club's officials swore they would never endure another horror season again.

Of the teams that are uncertain of a place in the final eight at the time of going to press, Wollongong have done far better than anyone had expected.

They bought astutely with what little funds they had, and while the side still needs a lot of work to knock it into shape, it has already proved it will be a force this year.

With a team of ball playing Yugoslav artists they have entertained as well as gained some impressive results.

The victory over Croatia stands out as the high point, though their fighting 3-3 draw with Ku-ring-gai also speaks volumes for the character of the team.

Let's hope they continue their style this year in first division and win promotion next year.

Ku-ring-gai seem a little stronger than last year.

They have the added bonus of having blooded several youngsters in the team last season, and these lads, such as Robertson and Smith should learn from the experienced players.

One attractive difference to Ku-ring-gai is their commitment to attack.

Eight goals "for" is quite impressive, although the sieve-like defence will obviously need tightening if the attack is to have any true benefit.

Velechi Trajanoski, Monaro.

In Group C the interesting case has arisen where Sutherland need only draw or win to go through, but if they lose by more than two goals to Parramatta they will dip out.

A 1-0 loss to the Magpies would see a play-off between Sutherland and Manly.

Sutherland, relatively unchanged from last year, do seem to be missing Beggs and Hall.

The forward line is not firing yet, but coach John Watkiss is sure his young charges will take to their task.

Finally, Melita, seemingly out of contention after a disastrous loss to Avala and a lucky draw with Arncliffe, sprang back and hit North Sydney for four to squeeze through into the quarter finals.

Could they provide the surprise package and really make their third Ampol Cup final in a row?

ADELAIDE

—From Vic Migliaccio —

Adelaide City will hold a presentation night on Saturday, March 1. During the evening manager Rale Rasic will present to the public its final squad for the 1980 season. Every player will receive a guernsey according to his position.

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Over 3,000 people turned out to watch West Adelaide get beaten 6-3 by Sydney City at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday. The teams were: **West Adelaide:** Crook, Reynolds, Tymszyzyn, Koulianos, Tapaz, Forde, Boyle, Atsalas, Kosmina, Honeyman, McGregor; Reserves: Dooley, Norris, Doorne, Pivetta. **City:** Clarke, Webber, Thomson, O'Connor, Bruce, Stevenson, Boden, Barnes, Watson, Smith, Silva; Reserves: M. Silva, Patikas, Spanos, Pezzano. Scorers: **West** — Koulianos,Dooley and o.g.; **City** — Smith (3), Patikas, Boden, Thomson. The teams looked even in the first half but in the second half West Adelaide were outplayed in every department by the Sydney Slickers.

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It's on for young and old on Saturday at Hindmarsh Stadium when West Adelaide and Adelaide City will play a full-scale PSL warm-up match. The kick off is at 6pm.

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Adelaide City will start showing soccer films from next Thursday, February 28, and then every Thursday onward at their clubrooms. Next week it's Italy v Holland, full 90 minutes.

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Polonia, after a slow start in the Ampol Cup in the early rounds, scored a 2-0 win over Azzurri in the early game at Hindmarsh Stadium on Friday night, while in the late match Elizabeth City beat Campbelltown City also 2-0. The Ampol Cup program this coming Friday: at 7.30pm Beograd v Campbelltown, at 9pm Para Hills v Cumberland. On Monday: Azzurri v Para Hills, Cumberland v Campbelltown.

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PSL CHIEF FAVORS FRANCHISES

Special interview with PSL chairman Max Talbot by PETER KUNZ.

SW: How do you envisage the development of the Philips League?

MT: The League must develop nationally if it is to succeed in the long term. Teams representing the various regions must be brought into the fold. I'm talking of teams such as Wollongong and hopefully teams strong enough in all aspects of our entry criteria to represent areas such as Tasmania and West Australia.

SW: Would we see a system developed such as the American style zonal league?

MT: I cannot see that happening under our present charter but it certainly could occur in the long term.

SW: What will be the criteria for promotion and relegation in this forthcoming season?

MT: The system of promotion and relegation was laid down by the ASF at the conclusion of the 1978 season, and as such will be implemented in exactly the same way as last year. The last two teams will be relegated but will have the right to re-apply following the criteria as laid down to new applicant clubs. The most suitable applicants as decided by the ASF will be admitted to the League.

SW: Wollongong has first preference for the 1981 season?

MT: The ASF has encouraged them to be prepared for the 1981 season. Their application will be looked at along with others but obviously their area location will favour their inclusion.

SW: Should we adopt the American franchise system where arbitary decisions can be made by the governing soccer body regarding inclusion or disbandment of teams in a League?

MT: I believe that the franchise system would be a very satisfactory way of running the League in the long term. Our promotion and relegation system is, in fact, a selective system and is itself a form of the franchising system.

SW: Do you think that there are too many Philips League clubs from Sydney?

MT: I am not saying that, only that they could be better located, geographically. However, they are established and provided that they perform in the League the ASF has an obligation to them as member clubs of the League. Without some of the Sydney clubs the League would not have been formed. Perhaps amalgamation is the long term answer to the better distribution of Sydney clubs, and indeed some Sydney clubs have already considered this aspect.

SW: Some clubs are successful on the field but attract few spectators through the turnstiles. What is the future of those clubs if all promotional exercises fail?

MT: Under the present system of promotion and relegation, unless the criteria change, their continued presence in the League will depend on their playing performance. However, I believe the system of promotion and relegation will be further developed where all clubs will undergo rigorous structural investigation annually.

SW: Will the glut of international fixtures boost or deplete the crowds at League matches?

MT: It's going to create problems for League clubs over the next two years and we have to make an enormous contribution to the welfare of the ASF national teams development because if they are successful in their own right, then the PSL clubs will also benefit.

SW: Is the Philips League the junior partner in the current national soccer promotion exercise?

MT: One presumes that the PSL will receive a natural flow-on from the efforts of the ASF in the promotion and marketing of the game in Australia. Having discussed this with Sir Arthur George, president of the ASF, I certainly gained this impression. As the League is supplying the majority of players to the national team it follows that the success or otherwise of the next three years in our centenary year's fixtures and promotions, the 1981 Coca-Cola World Youth Cup, our national team's preparation matches and quest for Spain in 1982 will reflect the standard of the PSL. I feel that 1980-82 must be an all-Australian soccer 'team' effort at all levels to secure our future.

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Rooney joins elite club

Jim Rooney has now joined the very elite group of players who have appeared 50 times or more for Australia in full internationals.

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49	Manfred Schaefer
48	Ray Baartz
43	John Warren
39	Adrian Alston
36	Doug Utjesenovic
32	Ray Richards
31	Col Bennett
	Jim McKay
	Peter Ollerton
	Bill Vojtek
28	Stan Ackerley
	Ron Corry
26	Gary Byrne
	George Harris

Peter Wilson

It's a great shame that despite several vague promises, the ASF is still not recognising the achievements of past or present Socceroos.

None of them ever receive complimentary passes to internationals, for example.

More than a year ago national coach Rudi Gutendorf said he would ensure that all players who have made, say 10-25-50 appearances or more, would get special medals or badges from the ASF.

Since then we have obtained enormous new sponsorships in soccer; the Socceroos toured China, risked their reputation against Czechoslovakia — but still no passes, no medals and badges.....

MONARO	AUBURN
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Monaro: Palec, Crawford, Charles, Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Moers (Talevski 70m), Heywood, Smith (O'Neil 75m), Trajanoski.	**Auburn:** Gisbourne, McCoy, Dobson, Fairclough, Carter, Cornett, Bertram, Field (McCulloch 33m), McCranor, McDonald, Ross.

Goal: 0-1 McCranor (58m).
Referee: K. Allen; **crowd:** 321; **caution:** Carter.

The game began slowly with both teams showing effects from the heat. The very determined Auburn dominated the mid-field led by the ever able John McDonald. A shot by Terry Bertram in the fourth minute went wide, but Monaro showed they too were in the game when a powerful shot from Ian Heywood was fumbled but gathered by Gisbourne from the feet of Dave Smith. McCulloch's early addition to the Auburn team gave extra impetus to their midfield, while Dave Smith was the tireless workhorse for Monaro. Auburn eventually scored what was to prove the winner in the 58th minute when Ron Cornett did well to steal the ball in the corner and get his cross away to find the head of John McCranor. – **W. Bourke**

THE CHINA TOUR

Strong on character, weak on performances

— By a Special Correspondent who toured with the Socceroos —

Just what was learned on the three-week tour of China and Taiwan at the end of last year and how will this knowledge benefit an Australian side facing the most challenging two years in the history of the game here?

Starting at the top, a lot was learned by players, press and official about that walking enigma, Rudi Gutendorf. The old maxim sums him up: "Love him or hate him, you can't ignore him".

He dominated the tour! It was noticeable that when he was sick with 'flu for five days in mainland China the players were also subdued. His spirit, along with his mannerisms and accent, were infectious.

Working closely with Gutendorf for three weeks was an interesting and rewarding experience. Most pleasing was his commitment to attacking, entertaining football, and damn the consequences.

In training sessions, sometimes in temperatures of minus 12 celsius, Gutendorf would go to one end of the pitch with the wingers and forwards and concentrate on finishing.

The man who bought Kevin Keegan for Hamburg would scream in frustration at Heidelberg's Gary Cole for his lack of skill or at Eddie Krncevic for being too eager.

Like all good coaches, Gutendorf played the amateur psychologist. He indulged in "mind games" with certain players in a bid to judge their "character", an attribute Gutendorf places prime importance on.

A fine example of this was his treatment of Marconi's Mark Jankovics. From the outset it was obvious that Gutendorf had more faith in Jankovics' ability than the player had in himself.

He lacked confidence and was obviously so keen to do well that he tried too hard and failed.

Gutendorf didn't wrap him in cotton wool and say nice things to him; he hounded and barracked him until he was so nervous he couldn't put a foot right.

This disturbed a number of other players, but in Gutendorf's thinking Jankovics has the ability, and if he is to rise to the top he must be able to take the rough with the smooth.

Nervous or not, Gutendorf will keep picking him until he gets it right.

The all important "character" played a vital part in Gutendorf's assessment of a number of players.

In the case of West Adelaide 'keeper Martyn Crook, the coach showed he was prepared to change his assessment if he was proved wrong.

The evergreen Jimmy Rooney.

Crook was quiet, introverted, almost painfully shy in the first week of the tour. An injury to first choice 'keeper Greg Woodhouse thrust Crook into the limelight.

Gutendorf wasn't pleased with Crook's displays against Peking and Shantung province - "he's lazy, indecisive and lacks character," he said.

As the tour progressed and Crook began mixing with other players, his confidence grew and Gutendorf realised the potential was there. As with a number of other players on the tour Crook wasn't fully fit. What Gutendorf thought at first to be laziness was just tiredness.

Again, perhaps because of Gutendorf, discipline on the tour was first class. In the three weeks of travelling, sometimes in substandard hotels with sub-standard food, there was only one minor flare up; and on that occasion Gutendorf wasn't there.

To Gutendorf the welfare of the players was paramount. He was genuinely appalled when told that the players on this tour were earning less than those who went to Munich in 1974.

Gutendorf has no time for sham amateurism.

He told the horrified Chinese that their players should be given huge bonuses and private cars. He certainly feels Australian players are badly done by.

He also had the experience to know that players can't be treated like children all the time.

Players who toured with Australian teams before were impressed at Gutendorf's balance and fairness.

Throw 20 players from differing ethnic and cultural backgrounds together for three weeks and you'd expect some problems; amazingly there were none.

The squad had just the right number of comedians (all bad), the right number of singers (all, except one, bad) and the right number of serious types (one).

Jimmy Rooney was a magnificient captain, always working for the benefit of the players and ironing out the few minor hassles with things like rooms.

Rooney is a shrewd, well mannered Scot who says he'll hang up his boots after the World Cup Finals in Spain.

I'm looking forward to the book he's thinking of writing when he ends his playing career.

Now on to the more serious side of any tour - playing. Quite honestly, and Gutendorf agrees, the performances were just not good enough.

Not once did the team play as well as I believe they can, and must, to qualify for Spain.

Even with Eddie Krncevic's nine goals, finishing was poor, and in two games abysmal.

Gutendorf tried a number of midfield combinations using Rooney, Henderson, Perry, Boden, Cole, Coyne and even Jankovics. None was completely successful.

Why, for example, did Peter Sharne have such a dismal tour? There was no-one in the midfield to feed him the long balls he needs to show off his tremendous speed.

Perhaps Newcastle's Joe Senkalski, injured before the first game, may have helped. Perhaps Footscray's Joe Picioane will be the answer.

Stalwart Tony Henderson

There are other problem areas: Gutendorf isn't sure that Ivo Prskalo suits his style of play.

Prskalo, though brilliant in the sweeper position, plays about five yards too deep.

Gutendorf is toying with the idea of introducing Robero Echeverria as an offensive libero.

Newcastle's Arno Bertogna at stopper looked good against the smaller Chinese; I'll reserve judgment until he faces the Czechoslovakians.

Tony Henderson may find himself back in the stopper position. In midfield, his passing looked shoddy but coming forward he looked powerful and impressive.

Right full back is another problem area. Steve Perry filled the position adequately but Gutendorf prefers to keep Perry to shadow individuals like Beckenbauer in the Cosmos game.

Kevil Mullen was a disappointment, lacking the aggression he demonstrates in PSL matches.

Up front Gutendorf is happy with his wingers and with Krncevic at centre forward. He wishes Gary Cole had more skill but realises his usefulness as a battering ram. (In one game in Taiwan, Cole "ran over" three Chinese players as if they weren't there).

TOUR DETAILS

Nov.10 Australia 3 (Cole, Boden, O'Connor) v Shandong Province 1 at Worker's Stadium, Peking.
AUSTRALIA: Martyn Crook, Kevin Mullen, Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo, Jimmy Tansey, Kenny Boden, Jimmy Rooney, Steve Perry, Tommy Cumming, Mark Jankovics, John Nyskohus. (Subs: Phil O'Connor for Nyskohus, Gary Cole for Boden, Peter Sharne for Cumming, Eddie Krncevic for Jankovics.)

Nov.13 Australia 2 (Boden (pen.), Cumming) v Peking 2, Peking.
AUSTRALIA: Martyn Crook, Bobby Russell, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Jimmy Tansey, Steve Perry, Kenny Boden, Jimmy Rooney, Tommy Cumming, Mark Jankovics, Phil O'Connor. (Subs: Kevin Mullen for Russell, John Coyne for Boden, Gary Cole for Jankovics, John Nyskohus for O'Connor.)

Nov.16 Australia 3 (Boden, Henderson, Sharne v Shanghai 2, Shanghai.
Australia: Greg Woodhouse, Steve Perry, Ivo Prskalo, Arno Bertogna, Jim Tansey, Tony Henderson, Kenny Boden, Mark Jankovics, Peter Sharne, Gary Cole, Tommy Cumming.(Subs: Martyn Crook for Woodhouse, John Coyne for Henderson, Phil O'Connor for Jankovics, Eddie Krncevic for Cole, John Nyskohus for Cumming.)

Nov.18 Australia 3 (Krncevic) v Tianjin Province 0, Shanghai Stadium.
AUSTRALIA: Martyn Crook, Kevin Mullen, Ivo Prskalo, Bobby Russell, Jimmy Tansey, Tony Henderson, John Coyne, Jimmy Rooney, Tommy Cumming, Eddie Krncevic, Phil O'Connor. (Subs: John Nyskohus for Tansey, Mark Jankovics for Henderson, Gary Cole for Rooney, Peter Sharne for O'Connor.)

Nov.23 Australia 1 (Krncevic) v Canton Army 0, Canton.
AUSTRALIA: Greg Woodhouse, Steve Perry, Ivo Prskalo, Arno Bertogna, Jimmy Tansey, Tony Henderson, Kenny Boden, Jimmy Rooney, Phil O'Connor, Eddie Krncevic, Tommy Cumming. (Subs: Peter Sharne for O'Connor, Gary Cole for Boden, John Coyne for Cumming, John Nyskohus for Rooney.)

Nov.26 Australia 7 (Krncevic 5, Cole, Henderson) v Taipei 1, Taipei.
AUSTRALIA: Greg Woodhouse, Kevin Mullen, Ivo Prskalo, Arno Bertogna, Jimmy Tansey, Jimmy Rooney, Tony Henderson, Gary Cole, Kenny Boden, Mark Jankovics, Eddie Krncevic. (Subs: Steve Perry for Tansey, Bobby Russell for Rooney, John Coyne for Henderson.)

Nov.27 Australia 2 (Cumming, Cole) v Taiwan 0, Taipei.
AUSTRALIA: Greg Woodhouse, Steve Perry, Arno Bertogna, Ivo Prskalo, Jimmy Tansey, Tony Henderson, Jimmy Rooney, Kenny Boden, Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic, Tommy Cumming. (Subs: Martyn Crook for Woodhouse, Kevin Mullen for Tansey, Mark Jankovics for Rooney, Gary Cole for Sharne, John Coyne for Krncevic.)

Young team to Noumea

The youngest side ever to represent Australia in a full international soccer championship left Sydney on Wednesday for the Oceania tournament in New Caledonia.

The average age of the 17-man squad is 19.9 years and to distinguish it from the Socceroos "A" and Youth teams, it has been called the Australian Colts.

The squad includes five players from the Youth squad currently in preparation for 1981 FIFA Coca-Cola World Youth Cup, and 12 other players in consideration for future "A" team selection.

These include established Socceroos Eddie Krncevic, Greg Woodhouse and Arno Bertogna.

The full squad is:
Greg Woodhouse (Leichhardt), Yakka Banovic (Footscray), Arno Bertogna (Newcastle), Steve Blair (South Melbourne), Vic Bozanic (West Adelaide), Mark Brusasco (Brisbane City), George Christopoulos (South Melbourne), Alan Davidson (Footscray), Steve Hogg (Brisbane Lions), Ian Hunter (Blacktown City), Paul Kay (St.George), Eddie Krncevic (Marconi), Danny Moulis (Canberra City), Paul Raskopoulos (Marconi), Joe Senkalski (Newcastle), Paul Tombides (Olympic Kingsway, Perth), Theo Selemidis (Fitzroy United).

The squad, which had been in training in Sydney since last Friday, will play its first game of the eight-country tournament against New Caledonia on Sunday.

Australia has been drawn in Group B with New Hebrides, Papua-New Guinea and New Caledonia.

New Zealand, which is fielding its full international side, is in Group A and looks certain to qualify for the final which will be played on March 2.

The play-off to decide third and fourth places will also be on March 2.

The Australian squad will be under the control of national coach Rudi Gutendorf who has predicted many benefits from Australia's involvement in the championship.

"It will provide valuable experience for the Coca-Cola youth squad players and give me the chance to evaluate those other young players on the verge of full national selection," he said.

Woodhouse

The squad will return to Australia after playing a friendly game, probably against Fiji, on March 3.

While Gutendorf is in Noumea, the Australian Soccer Federation's World Cup committee will consider the question of nominations for the job of assistant national coach.

Gutendorf has referred two names to the ASF for consideration and an announcement is not expected until a later date.

The hot favorite for the post is Marconi's Les Scheinflug.

The full draw for the Oceania tournament is:
Group A:
February 25: Fiji v The Solomons; New Zealand v Tahiti;
February 27: New Zealand v Fiji; Tahiti v Solomons.
February 29: Tahiti v Fiji; New Zealand v Solomons.
Group B:
February 24: Australia v New Caledonia; New Hebrides v Papua-New Guinea.
February 26: Australia v Papua-New Guinea; New Caledonia v New Hebrides.
February 28: New Caledonia v Papua-New Guinea; Australia v New Hebrides.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Marconi smooth, Saints impressive

Even at this early stage, Marconi looms like the giants of the 1980 PSL season.

Last Sunday night, in a trial match, they whacked Blacktown 5-0 with consummate ease — and it could have been 10-0 for all that.

To make it even more impressive, Marconi were without their injured stars Henderson, Jankovics and Vieri while Prskalo had to be carried off in the first half with a bad ankle injury.

Sharne and Krncevic have formed a devastating partnership up front; they have speed, dynamism and sharpness.

Sharne scored two, Krncevic, Degney and Lindsay one apiece.

Blacktown looked outclassed, sluggish and labored against this type of opposition and only Harding and Ortega held their own.

Eddie Krncevic turned photographer last Sunday at the PSL trial matches in Barton Park.

In the other match on the same billing, St.George surprised by beating Leichhardt 3-1, after being down 0-1 to a Morsello goal.

The Saints gained the upper hand in the second half when they appeared to be fitter, faster and much more purposeful.

Mihajlovic, Griffith and Duarte scored their goals.

Coach Raul Blanco said after the game that he was confident his team would reach its peak by early March.

Rudi Gutendorf, watching the games, was most impressed with the newly signed young Saints winger Bill Griffith and promised to keep a watchful eye on the slim youngster's progress.

MELBOURNE

— By Peter Desira —

Heidelberg United is on the threshold of winning its first ever Ampol Cup despite being in turmoil over who will coach the side this coming season.

As was expected, Victorian State Director of Coaching Len McKendry this week knocked back an offer to coach the club due to his State Squad commitments.

On Saturday the side overcame a 1-0 deficit to trample Footscray with three goals in the last 20 minutes of the Ampol Cup semi-final.

Footscray coach Rocco Ille, aware of his side's limitations, fielded a five-man back line but compensated by releasing a defender to support when the Blues were attacking.

Heidelberg finally cut loose when Jamie Paton was awarded a penalty after being floored by Ollerton at the 70th minute mark.

Paton had a hand in the first two goals and scored the third apart from hitting the post with another drive.

Three minutes after Cole had scored from the spot kick, Paton controlled and shielded the ball at the near post before cleverly laying it off for Cole to hammer home.

The third goal was a simple tap into an empty net after Andy Bozikas had done all the hard work intercepting a back pass by O'Reilly and then squaring the ball low across the face of the goal.

Meanwhile Heidelberg's opponent in the Ampol Cup Final will be State League club Essendon, which disposed of the highly fancied South Melbourne with a penalty goal by Kenny Murphy.

Essendon soaked up a lot of pressure including a point-blank save by Peter Blasby at substitute Mendo Ristovski's feet, a clearance off the line by John Gardiner from Branko Buljevic's shot and a penalty save in the second last minute from George Christopoulos' spotkick.

Heidelberg should prove a sterner test especially since Essendon fullback Ante Bilaver will be unavailable, having been sent off in the semi-final.

Details — Ampol cup semi-finals at Olympic Park. Attendance: 7,000 (estimate).

Heidelberg United 3(0), **Footscray** 1(1).

Goals: Picioane (42m), Cole (70m.,pen.; 73m), Paton (83m).

Heidelberg: Banovic, McMillan, Tansey, Yzendoorn, P. Bannon, Rooney, Selemides, Campbell, Cole, Paton, Bozikas.

Footscray: Boland, Hazabent, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Petrov, Ollerton, Jovanovic, Ilioski, Picioane, Vasic (Rujevic 82m), Lujic.

Referee: Tony Beazleigh; **caution:** Yzendoorn.

Essendon 1(0), **South Melbourne** 0(0).

Goal: K. Murphy (77m).

Essendon: Blasby, Short, Kokoska, Gardiner, Bilaver, (sent off 68m), Tront, Murphy, Culina, Cumming, Mitten, Batinovic (Gilder 54m).

South Melbourne: Laumets, V. Bannon, Munro, Xantopoulos, Davidson, Wright (Lutton 46m), Rogers, Christopoulos, Evans, Buljevic, Campbell (Ristovski 64m).

Referee: Evan Venios; **cautions:** Kokoska, Munro.

Milovanovic, Canberra.

CANBERRA

Canberra City played a 1-1 draw with Philips League aspirant Rapid Wrest Point of Hobart last Sunday at Bruce Stadium.

Rapid, more enthusiastic and probably fitter than their Canberra opponents took the lead in the 33rd minute through a Ray Mohring goal.

Canberra dominated much of the match but had to wait until the last 15 minutes before Don MacLaren equalised, avoiding an embarrassing defeat.

The Tasmanians, however, gave a sterling display, showing no sign of nervousness and already possess players of PSL class, such as 'keeper Phillip Kannegiesser, and ex-Newcastle players Craig Mason and Peter Willis.

With the PSL hoping to extend the geographic influence of the League, Rapid Hobart would appear to be a logical choice for future inclusion.

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Alan Reis, the stylish Australian Youth team winger, has recently complied with the Australian citizenship requirements. Alan, and older brother Phil, had previously played soccer in Hong Kong before signing for Canberra City.

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Canberra City right back, Danny Moulis has a one match suspension to serve from last season and will be unable to play for Canberra against Brisbane Lions at Bruce in the first League match of the year.

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Canberra City journey to Brisbane next weekend to take on Brisbane City in a friendly. Brisbane Lions would also like to play Canberra on the Friday night.

—P. Kunz

BRISBANE

— By Jim Binnie —

Brisbane Lions last Sunday continued in their winning way by beating Newcastle 2-0 at Lion's Stadium.

The goals were scored by Reid and Niven.

Newcastle were at a great disadvantage, being without Curran, Trenter, Senkalski and Bertogna.

The week before, with their 2-0 defeat of local rivals Brisbane City, Lions gave notice to all who are inclined to write them off too soon.

One of their imports, the highly rated Vewey, did enough during the match to suggest he will be a major force in the coming season.

City on the other hand, seldom threatened the Lions back-line. They would not have pleased their spectators with this showing and even the absence of Perry, at right back and Coyne, a flank midfielder, could not excuse the lack of purpose in their performance.

It would appear they have also lost playmaker Pimblett (returned to England) and this area will be the one to cause Nereo Saftich problems.

Lions had the same problem in midfield, where Matt Carson was using three hard working runners, and though many Lions attacks broke down due to poor distribution, Millman, Wilson and Lindsay were certainly effective at breaking down City's inept attempts.

City were but a shadow of last year's stormtroopers. It would appear coach Saftich is once again pinning his hopes on an overseas lottery.

The Perry Park barflies have it on good authority that four new players are on their way.

No names as yet though the Scottish press has reported a Jock Whiteford as being one of the new boys.

The aforesaid Mr. Whiteford has been a prolific goalscorer in various Scottish teams over the last few years.

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Could only happen in Brisbane. Brand new multi-thousand dollar stadium built at Natham for the 1982 Commonwealth Games has all the latest in facilities, huge cantilevered grandstand, beautifully grassed "hills" at each end, gymnasium, saunas, squash courts etc. under the stands, a "tartan" running track, and a grassed area out in the middle that is 9 yards too short for staging any sort of international team sport, soccer, hockey, rugby league or rugby union!!!!

Local "wag" says "So what, this place was built for athletics." Thank heavens he's not one of US, we have enough of those kind as it is.

RUDI'S 12 APOSTLES

Twelve men tried and true — they form the nucleus of all future Socceroo teams.

Before his departure for New Caledonia for the Oceania tournament, Rudi Gutendorf has announced the names of players who will form his "permanent squad."

The others will be added, chopped and changed according to form.

But the 12 will stay — provided there is no dramatic lapse in their form or attitude.

These are the chosen ones:

Greg Woodhouse(Leichhardt)
Steve Perry(Brisbane City)
Ivo Prskalo (Marconi)
Jim Tansey (Heidelberg)
Tony Henderson(Marconi)
John Coyne (Brisbane City)
Jim Rooney (Heidelberg)
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
Ken Boden (Sydney City)
Peter Sharne (Marconi)
Eddie Krncevic (Marconi)
Tom Cumming (Essendon)

Surprisingly, not one player from Adelaide has been named for the inner circle.

This must be a disappointment for Marocchi, Kosmina, Bozanic, Jones, Boyle and others who will now have to fight their way through the established perimeters.

Gutendorf, however, is known to keep a watchful eye on several players to be added to his future squads.

These include Degney, Mullen, O'Connor, Giampaolo (if he plays), Kosmina (if he performs), Christopoulos, Senkalski, Bertogna and some others.

Peter Sharne, now a "permanent" Socceroo squad member.

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WORLD NEWS

Woodcock: "Example" to German youngsters

"Tony Woodcock was worth every penny of the $1,300,000 we paid for him," said FC Koln manager Hennes Weisweiler.

The ace German manager-coach, about to take over Cosmos in New York, blasted his critics.

"At times I wonder if people in soccer know what they are talking about.

"First of all, most of the money for Woodcock came from the transfers of Flohe, Hein and Glowacz.

"If we hadn't spent it this way, half of it would have gone to tax.

"Then, of course, Woodcock is an outstanding player and will easily pay for his transfer; crowds are flocking to see him.

"Let's face it: soccer at the top has acquired many of the showbusiness characteristics.

"Part of this is that from time to time you must give the spectators new stars, attractive new faces.

"Many of our younger players, such as Littbarski, Kroth and Schuster will profit enormously from the presence of Tony Woodcock.

"They can watch him at training, see his dedication and skill; the way he takes a pass on the run and turns with it.

"FC Koln needed a star like this. And where would Hamburg be now without Kevin Keegan?"

Weisweiler said he disagreed with the opinion that "great personalities" were becoming a thing of the past.

"Nonsense," he said. "In Germany we have Hansi Mueller, Klaus Allofs, Rummenigge, Kaltz, the Forster brothers and others.

"I see no reason for gloom: soccer, under proper management and coaching, will always unearth excellent players, even great stars; it's in the nature of the game."

Tony Woodcock

Wembley fans reprimanded

"It's a national disgrace" — so said England manager Ron Greenwood in a special message to the Press.

Greenwood was commenting on the charming custom of the Wembley fans to hiss and boo while the national anthem of a foreign team is being played.

"Apart from being rotten bad manners, this also upsets our own players who have to stand there, deeply embarrassed," Greenwood said.

"I appeal to all fair-minded England fans to stop this stupid and demeaning custom."

Of course, it might not even be an English custom...

In recent years, whenever England played Scotland at Wembley, thousands of Scottish fans have been doing the same while God Save the Queen was being played....

BEST SACKED

George Best, the "bad boy" of soccer, was sensationally sacked by Scottish club Hibernian this week.

Best's fleeting romance with Scottish football ended when chairman Tom Hart, who had been paying Best $4,000 a game out of his own pocket, announced:

"The marriage between us and Best is over. The divorce took place this morning."

Best said: "Drink was the problem that finished me with Hibs.

"I have a big problem with alcohol and I must get it sorted out."

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EDITORIAL

SPORT AND POLITICS

One cannot tell how the US-backed boycott of the Moscow Olympics will develop and end.

There are plausible arguments for and against the move; it's a highly emotional issue.

However, it's difficult to understand the surprise and indignation of the Soviets over the threatened boycott.

All their press organs — and those of their satellite countries — keep preaching the simple edict that sport and politics "should not mix."

This, in itself, is sheer nonsense; the two, except at the most fundamental amateur level, have become hopelessly intertwined.

But the Soviet forget that they themselves cheerfully mixed sport with politics when it suited them.

In 1973, they were drawn to play Chile in the World Cup elimination matches.

Much to everybody's surprise, in Moscow the two teams played a draw.

Before the game there was no protest about the "Fascist Chilean regime," no hint of any possible boycott to come.

But it came. Suddenly — after the home draw — the Soviet officials became sensitive about Chile and decided not to send their team to Santiago for the return match.

The excuse was that the game would have taken place in the Estadio Nacional which, according to the Soviets, had been used for the imprisonment and torture of "patriots" after the dramatic collapse of the leftist Allende regime.

So the match was cancelled, the USSR withdrew from the World Cup and their association was duly fined $75,000.

This highly political decision of the Soviet Union, based on the flimsiest ground, was certainly much less provoked than the current crisis over the occupation of a Third World country.

And just as a matter of interest: the $75,000 has not yet been paid....

FIFA, in its wisdom, has allowed the USSR to get away with it — but promptly suspends any less significant member in Africa, Asia or Central America if they forget to pay their membership fee....

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• Queens Park have signed a boy of 14, Martin Allen, from Reading High School.

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• Hamburg have acquired a Brazilian junior international, Pacheco Waldemiro Azambuza, known (known?) as Buca.

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• The sort of money in German soccer: Hamburg manager Netzer gets $75,000 a year, coach Zebec $90,000.

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• Former Real Madrid and Uruguay star Santamaria has become Ladislao Kubala's assistant with the Spanish national team.

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• Hansi Mueller has signed a new contract with Stuttgart, ending speculation about his possible move to an Italian club.

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• Rumors such as only the Viennese soccer fans can create...The story goes that two of the city's oldest clubs, Vienna and Rapid, may merge soon.

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• The German (West) Association, (DFB in Frankfurt) last week celebrated its 80th anniversary. The association has 4,200,000 registered players.

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• A Leeds fan has been sent to prison for three years for having set on fire a bus last September, carrying 78 supporters of Liverpool.

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• London's Fulham is in deep trouble: they have debts totalling $900,000.

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• Bolton Wanderers, facing relegation from the first division, have dismissed manager Ian Greaves and appointed his assistant Stan Anderson.

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• Little Peruggia, which last year waged a successful battle with some of the giants of Italian soccer to sign Paolo Rossi, has made an offer for Brazilian ace Zico.

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• The first "Transatlantic Cup" will be played in May in Vancouver with the participation of the local Whitecaps, Cosmos, Arsenal and AS Roma.

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• Former Real Madrid stars Amancio and Rial are candidates for the new coaching job of the little Madrid club, Rayo Vallecano.

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• Billy Bremner hasn't changed much since his playing days: he has just received his second fine, as manager of Doncaster, for abusing a referee.

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• Leeds' Wales international Byron Stevenson has been banned from internationals by UEFA until July 31, 1984. Last November, when sent off in a match in Turkey, Stevenson assaulted a Turkish player who had to be hospitalised.

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• Oh, you lucky headline writers in the Moroccan Press...some of their first division club names: Fes, Sale, Fus, Wac, Raja, Oujda, Far, Sidi....

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• The various Hungarian teams are doing well on their overseas tours. Ferencvaros defeated Argentina's Newell's Old Boys in Rosario 4-1, Honved drew 2-2 with Cordoba, then beat Gymnasia y Esgrima 2-1 and the Brazilian Fluminense 1-0 and Ujpest defeated Japan 5-2 and 3-0 in their third and fourth match there. Meanwhile, the Hungarian Olympic team beat the Italian first division side Avellino 3-2.

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• AC Torino have sacked their manager Gigi Radice and appointed Ercole Rabatti as his successor.

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• Colombia won't be able to stage the 1986 World Cup — so said Teofilo Salinas, president of the South American Confederation. The Peruvian official said the venue would have to be shifted shortly, to another South American country — possibly Brazil.

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• Nottingham have decided not to sign Charlie George who spent a few weeks with them on loan and who will now return to Southampton.

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• Southampton have made the scoop of the decade by securing Kevin Keegan for a mere $800,000; he will join them in June.

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• Arsenal's Liam Brady has been taken off Bayern's shopping list. The latest interested party is AS Roma, allegedly prepared to fork out a cool $1,600,000 for the Irish star if the ban on foreign players is finally lifted.

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• FC Koln may release their manager Hennes Weisweiler to the New York Cosmos before the agreed June deadline if they can find a suitable replacement.

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• Rumania beat the Brazilian Recife 2-0 on their current South American tour.

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• Como has an impressive lead in the Italian 'B' division and is heading back to the first, after many years of absence.

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• After beating Eire 2-0, England completed its European Championship group matches with a brilliant record, winning 15 of the possible 16 points and without conceding a single goal in their four home games.

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• The Austrian FA is likely to introduce a new rule under which any player receiving his third caution is automatically suspended for a match.

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